

# Minutes of a meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee held on Wednesday, 12 July 2023 in Committee Room 1 - City Hall, Bradford

Commenced 5.35 pm  
Concluded 5.50 pm

## Present – Councillors

<b>LABOUR</b>
Alipoor
Amran
Azam
Engel
Ibrar Hussain
Kamran Hussain
Nazir
Regan
Shaheen

### 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Amran be appointed Chair of the Bradford West Area Committee for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year.

*ACTION: Director of Legal & Governance*

Councillor Amran in the Chair

### 2. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CHAIR (Standing Order 35)

Resolved –

That Councillor Nazir be appointed Deputy Chair of the Bradford West Area Committee for the 2023/2024 Municipal Year.

*ACTION: Director of Legal & Governance*

### 3. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures of interest in matters under consideration were received.

#### **4. MINUTES**

**Resolved –**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 22 March 2023 be signed as a correct record (previously circulated).**

#### **5. INSPECTION OF REPORTS AND BACKGROUND PAPERS**

There were no appeals submitted by the public to review decisions to restrict documents.

#### **6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions submitted by the public.

#### **7. SAFE ROADS PROGRAMME 2023/24**

The report of the Strategic Director. Place (**Document “A”**) sought approval for the 2023/24 Safe Roads programme for the Bradford West Constituency.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the Safe Roads schemes for 2023/24 listed, as listed in Appendices 1 and 2, attached to Document “A”, be approved.**
- (2) That any Traffic Regulation Orders, or any legal procedures linked to the processing of traffic calming measures or pedestrian crossing facilities which are necessary to implement the chosen schemes be approved for processing and advertising subject to the scheme details being agreed with the local Ward Members.**
- (3) That any valid objections to the advertised Traffic Regulation Orders, traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be submitted to this Area Committee for consideration or in the event of there being no valid objections the Traffic Regulation Orders be sealed and implemented and the traffic calming or pedestrian facilities be implemented as advertised.**
- (4) That should inflationary pressures on the projects listed in Appendices 1 and 2, as attached to Document “A”, make delivery of the full programme impossible a further report be brought to the Area Committee to reconsider scheme priorities.**
- (5) That items in respect of the Farcliffe Road area and Back Bonn Road**

be removed from the waiting list (Appendix 4 to Document “A”).

*ACTION: Strategic Director, Place*

**8. OBJECTIONS RECEIVED TO THE TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR WAITING RESTRICTIONS ON VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BRADFORD WEST CONSTITUENCY**

The report of the Strategic Director, Place (**Document “B”**) considered objections to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order on various roads in the Bradford West Constituency.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the proposals on Salt Street be modified in accordance with drawing HS/TRSS/105335/CON-22C.**
- (2) That the proposed waiting restrictions on the east side of Park Drive be reduced in length.**
- (3) That the scheme for Back Bradford Road be modified to retain only the proposed waiting restrictions at the junctions with Redburn Road and Cliff Vale Road.**
- (4) That the objections to the proposed restrictions on George Street (subject to consultation with the Council’s refuse collection team) and Estcourt Grove be upheld and the proposals abandoned and removed from the Order.**
- (5) That the remaining objections be overruled and the modified Traffic Regulation Order be sealed and implemented as modified.**
- (6) That the objectors be informed accordingly.**
- (7) That the proposal to promote a loading bay on Leamington Street be abandoned.**

*ACTION: Strategic Director, Place*

**9. UPDATE BT DIGITAL VOICE PROGRAMME**

Earlier this year, BT announced that we would be contacting customers about the switch to our digital home phone service, Digital Voice on a region-by-region basis from the summer. We also expanded our Digital Voice trials with a small group of customers beyond the pilots in Salisbury and Mildenhall, made up of lower usage landline customers, who have a full fibre broadband connection already.

The report of the Bradford West Area Co-ordinator (**Document “C”**) is an update about the switch to digital home service.

A representative of BT was in attendance at the meeting and with the invitation of the Chair, gave a summary of the digital home service. He explained that UK's landlines were going digital. The Digital Voice was the name of BT's new home phone service. Digital calls would be made over the company's broadband network, rather than the old analogue network, which had been around for more than 40 years. The current system was increasingly unreliable, energy hungry and was not able to give UK the world-class service it wished to provide. Switching to Digital Voice would give users clearer call quality, and help prevent the vast majority of scam calls.

For most customers, the upgrade would be as simple as connecting the home phone handset to a router rather than the phone socket on the wall.

This was a once-in-a generation upgrade. It would connect everyone now and into the future with a more resilient, sustainable and energy-efficient digital phone service.

The Chair welcomed the anticipated installation of the new Digital Voice upgrade.

**Resolved –**

**That the contents in Document “C”, be noted.**

*LEAD: Strategic Director, Place*

Chair

**Note: These minutes are subject to approval as a correct record at the next meeting of the Bradford West Area Committee.**

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